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04/24/2007 03:57 PM

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Subject Voter Fraud Project Emails

Here are most of the emails from my active email files. A few did not hold the check mark, so I will send them separately. I'm trying to work out the best way to hand off copies of the emails from my archived files.

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"Tova Wang"

08/21/2006 12:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject call

Hi Peg, I left you a voice message last week -- you might have been at NCSL. Anyway, would you give me a call when you have a moment? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
[Redacted address line]

Visit our Web site, [Redacted URL] for the latest news, analysis, opinions, and events.

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In the meantime, I'm revisiting some drafts received on the Vote Count-Recount best practices to see if I can encourage more improvements before submission of the final. We're still waiting for the state-by-state summary of practices, originally delayed by the subcontractor's nonperformance, which could affect goes into the best practices. I think some of the emphasis I see in the drafts on post election audits and proper recordkeeping will help respond to some of the issues raised in the literature review for the voting fraud-voter intimidation study.

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To [REDACTED], HAVInfo@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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Subject please investigate

Please investigate this incident or pass it on to the proper authority.

This morning, I received a recorded message saying that my polling place was "St. Francis" something or other. Later in the day, I wondered why I was informed of this change via a phone number with an out of state area code. I just check the Mahoning County Board of Elections site and the polling location is still listed as "Frank Ohl School" which is where I've voted since moving here. Since I received another call about the same time, I'll give you information on both numbers.

For the first call (which I believe is the culprit) the information on my caller ID was "Unknown Name 320-230-0961". They claimed they were from American for Reform Now or something like that. When I dialed that number, I received this message: "Mailbox for Rob Olsen is full." While writing this email, I just received another call from this number. Now the recorded message was from Ohio for Fair Minimum Wage.

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Cheryl Bollinger  
[REDACTED]  
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OK, I will get started on the interview summaries today.

DOJ (Donsanto and Tanner) raised objections to the consultants' description of their interviews, which

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state that DOJ officials agreed they were bringing fewer intimidation and suppression cases. An advocacy group is going after DOJ, accusing the agency of doing just that for political reasons, so this is something DOJ wants corrected.

Apart from the consultants pre-existing bias that "the feds aren't doing enough", a big part of the problem appears to have been a misunderstanding over terminology. When our consultants used the term "intimidation", they included all sorts of suppression activities. When Craig Donsanto used the term "intimidation", he was using the definition under federal criminal vote fraud statutes, which requires the action be accompanied by threat of physical or economic harm. (He told me he has had only one such case in 30 years.) His office is actively pursuing voter suppression activities under statutes other than federal voter intimidation laws (e.g.; the recent case in NH where a campaign operative conspired to block election day GOTV telephone lines of the opposing party). A copy of Tanner's comments on the interview summary in the status report for the Standards and Advisory Boards meetings is attached.

I had many long discussions with Tova and Job about this. I was able to get them to soften their description (see 4th bullet on page 7 of the draft report), but not entirely to my satisfaction. Also, at the Working Group meeting, it was agreed that the consultants would add a note to their definition to clarify that the working definition for purposes of the research includes activities that do not meet the federal definition of voter intimidation. The resulting note on page 5 of the draft report is too vague.

DOJ has not seen everything the consultants put in the draft final report, so they may have additional concerns. For example, the consultants' recommendations include the following:

**Attend the Department of Justice's Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Symposium.** The consultants also believe it would be useful for any further activity in this area to include attendance at the next Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Symposium. According to the Department, DEOs are required to attend annual training conferences centered on combating election fraud and voting rights abuses. These conferences sponsored by the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division and the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division, feature presentations by civil rights officials and senior prosecutors from the Public Integrity Section and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices. According to the Department, DEOs are required to attend annual training conferences centered on combating election fraud and voting rights abuses. These conferences sponsored by the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division and the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division, feature presentations by civil rights officials and senior prosecutors from the Public Integrity Section and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices.

**Footnote:**

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We may also have a hard time gaining access to the DOE reports and the Voting Section records of complaints, as they probably aren't considered public documents.

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Sorry this is later than expected. I was missing the notes of one interview and had several computer crashes when I tried to retrieve archived email to determine if I had failed to file it after one of the consultants sent it. I finally gave up looking for it in favor of summarizing what I had.

Attached is a summary of points raised in the interviews. I found it more difficult to extract lessons learned from the interview notes, so I used a summary format. (The interview notes make it appear that the focus of the interviews differed from one person to another, perhaps because consultants were seeking different information from interviewees). I've also attached a list of interviewees with pertinent interview notes. (Some of the interview notes dealt with irregularities other than voting fraud and voter intimidation.) --- Peggy



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Julie:

I just remembered that there was one other DOJ objection. It was about the way the consultants described the Election Crimes Branch focus on cases. In the interview with Donsanto (the only interview I attended), he made reference to the fact that the Election Crimes Branch used to only go after conspiracies, not individuals. Now, however, they had begun prosecuting individuals for noncitizen and felon voting. The consultants heard an unexpressed "instead", which would mean that DOJ had dropped pursuing conspiracies in favor of going after individuals. Based on my previous experience, I heard and unexpressed "in addition", meaning that DOJ was not just prosecuting conspiracies, the department also had begun to prosecute individuals.

I had lengthy discussions with the consultants over this issue as well. Donsanto confirmed that he meant "in addition", and the lists of cases he provided indicates that the department continues to pursue conspiracies. (It doesn't make sense any other way, unless you believe that the government is out to get the little guy.) --- Peggy

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Regarding your questions about the appendices:

I really did not prepare my summaries with an eye toward publication, but the consultants' summaries probably include incendiary info (particularly re DOJ interviews). As for the case law, we have multiple, voluminous charts, but no list. We can create a list from the charts, but that will take time. The Commissioners may want to see the consultants' or my summaries and the case law charts, but do we need to publish them?

Do we need to put short bios for Tova and Job in an appendix? --- Peggy



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Subject Revised - Draft -- Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Report

Attached is a revised version of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Draft Report. The changes that Commissioner Hillman suggested have been made and highlighted in yellow. See pages 10-11.

Peggy and I are working on the revision of the Donsanto and Tanner interview summaries and will forward that to you under a separate email.



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Subject Vote Fraud Report

Dear Peter:

I apologize for the delayed response. The paper that the media touted as an EAC statement on vote fraud was actually just a report on the status of preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation conducted by EAC consultants. The document does not represent a consensus statement on the subject by EAC. The status report was presented to the EAC Board of Advisors and the EAC Standards Board last spring. As these meetings were open to the public, the status report is available to the public. (See attached.)

EAC plans to consider a draft of its own report, which is based on the preliminary research of our consultants, at this Thursday's public meeting. (See agenda published at <http://www.eac.gov/docs/Public%20Meeting,%2012-07-06,%20Wash.,%20Revised%20Final%20Agenda.pdf>.) If the report is approved, EAC will publish it on our web page.

Regards,

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Subject Fraud Report Press Release - DRAFT

Brian,

Please find attached the draft fraud report press release for review. The other documents will follow in a separate email.

Jennifer

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The contact information for the Project Working Group, including technical advisor, Craig Donsanto, is in the attached spreadsheet.

You should also send notice to John Tanner, Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ (john.k.tanner@usdoj.gov). --- Peggy



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## **EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study**

*No consensus on the regularity of voting fraud and voting intimidation found  
Agency accepts recommendations to conduct a comprehensive study on elections crimes*

**WASHINGTON** - The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) today voted on the findings of the "Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study" and accepted recommendations to conduct

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a comprehensive assessment of all claims, charges and prosecutions of voting crimes.

The study represents the first phase of the information gathering process and includes a working definition of election crimes. EAC will now proceed with the second phase, a more comprehensive data-driven survey and study of elections crimes and voter intimidation. The new phase will offer consistency to the study and will identify a common definition of the issue for dialogue among elections officials, civil rights and voter advocacy groups, law enforcement officials, attorneys and the public.

The recommendations accepted by EAC today include:

**Survey Chief Elections Officers to Review and Assess Administrative Complaints:** EAC will survey the states' chief election officers regarding complaints that have been filed, investigated and resolved since January 1, 2004.

**Survey State Election Crime Investigation Units Regarding Complaints Filed and Referred:** EAC will gather information on the numbers and types of complaints that have been received by, investigated, and ultimately referred to local or state law enforcement by election crime investigation units since January 1, 2004.

**Survey Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Agencies Regarding Complaints and Charge of Voting Crimes:** EAC will survey law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies at the local, state and federal level to determine the number and types of complaints, charges, or indictments, and pleas or convictions of election crimes since January 1, 2004.

**Analyze Survey Data in Light of State Laws and Procedures:** EAC will use the reliable data gathered from each survey group to analyze the effectiveness of fraud prevention and reporting measures.

In order to arrive at the findings, EAC consultants reviewed existing studies, articles, reports and case law on voting fraud and intimidation and conducted interviews with experts in the field regarding their experiences and research. According to the findings, while there is currently no consensus on the frequency of voting fraud and voter intimidation, most participants agreed that absentee balloting is subject to the greatest proportion of fraudulent acts, followed by vote buying and voter registration fraud.

Following today's vote to approve the survey recommendations, EAC will begin a comprehensive survey and subsequent study on voting fraud and voter intimidation based on hard data. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) mandates that EAC research and study various issues related to the administration of elections. During Fiscal Year 2006, EAC in consultation with the Standards Board and Board of Advisors selected voting fraud and voter intimidation from a list of potential research topics that serve to improve the administration of elections for federal office.

For the EAC's full report on the Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study or to view testimony from today's hearing, visit [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov).

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EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by HAVA. It is charged with administering payments to states and developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, implementing election administration improvements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, accrediting voting system test laboratories and certifying voting equipment and serving as a national clearinghouse and resource of information regarding election administration. The three EAC commissioners are Paul DeGregorio, chairman; Donetta Davidson and Gracia Hillman. One vacancy currently exists.

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Subject Rick Hasen response-need your approval

Commissioners,

I want to respond to Rick Hasen's post regarding EAC and the fraud report. My suggested response is below, and his original post follows. Please let me know if you agree that I should attempt to correct the misinformation he posted. If so, please let me know if you approve of my suggested response. Thank you.

Mr. Hasen,

I write to point out incorrect information you posted on your website on December 11, 2006. You wrote: "Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today Newspaper." No one at the EAC leaked anything to USA Today. The reporter asked for a copy of the staff report about the fraud resesarch that was presented at a public meeting in May to our Board of Advisors and the Standards Board, and the EAC provided it to him. This information was presented and discussed at a meeting that was open to the public, so we provided materials distributed at the meeting to anyone who requested it. The staff report about the fraud project was also distributed to every member of both advisory boards. Go [here](#) to view the Federal Register notice about the public meeting at which this project and many others were discussed.

The statement you attribute to one of the consultants is absolutely correct. As stated by their contract, these consultants were hired so that the EAC could "...obtain consulting services from an individual who can provide advice drawn from broad professional and technical experience in the area of voter fraud and intimidation."

As for your reference to what's "missing compared to the earlier version," the report contains the complete summaries of every interview conducted by the consultants as well as every book, article, report or case that was reviewed. It does not contain the synopsis of those interviews, which were written by the consultants. EAC provided the individual summaries so readers could reach their own conclusions about the substance of the interviews.

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EAC's interpretation of HAVA and its determination of what it will study and how it will use its resources to study it are matters of agency policy and decision. These are not, nor should they be, determinations or decisions made by consultants. The EAC has the ultimate responsibility for the reports it issues, and it is incumbent upon the agency to conduct due diligence to ensure reports, data or any other information is complete and accurate before it is adopted by the Commission.

As someone with a public platform who informs the public about matters regarding election administration, I would appreciate it if you would extend the same professional courtesy most journalists do and contact the agency in the future if you have questions or concerns about EAC policy or actions. You may reach me directly at 202-566-3103. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jeannie Layson  
Director of Communications  
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### **More on FL-13, and a Role for the EAC?**

When I saw this headline on the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* web page, I thought it must have been about the FL-13 race.

Over on the election law listserv, Doug Johnson, responding to my commentary calling for the House to investigate the problems and declare a revote in the FL-13 race, suggested that perhaps the EAC is better situated to conduct an investigation than the House of the problems in the FL-13.

I'm afraid we might not be able to count on the EAC to conduct an investigation that is well-funded, tough, and fair. Politics appears to be creeping in to decisions of the EAC's advisory board, and there's real concern about the EAC's vote fraud report. Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the *USA Today* newspaper. Tova Wang, who authored the draft report for the EAC, issued the following statement to me: "My co-consultant and I provided the EAC with a tremendous amount of research and analysis for this project. The EAC released what is their report yesterday."

The EAC has also lost two commissioners, one Republican and one Democrat, who appeared to be tough-minded and fair. I am very worried about the fairness and non-partisanship of the new rumored nominees.

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To pdegregorio@eac.gov, Ddavidson@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Suggested Timeline for Election Crimes Study

Attached is the suggested timeline that I offered for the Election Crimes Study.

It is an excel spreadsheet, which, if printed, should be done with Landscape layout. If printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, it will print as two pages.



Election Crimes, Proj 2007 Timeline.xls

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

01/23/2007 02:35 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fraud report

Was the report that was drafted after the working group meeting or the interviews done with eac participant reviewed after the draft was completed.

Need this right away

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

01/26/2007 11:49 AM

To Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV



Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV

01/23/2007 02:14 PM

To "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>

cc

Subject

Hey Karen,

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Thanks,

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Elleen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV

01/26/2007 11:54 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re:

I already got one, thanks!

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02/09/2007 05:45 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Fw: 1099

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"Job Serebrov"

02/09/2007 05:33 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>  
cc  
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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

02/09/2007 06:01 PM

To [REDACTED]

cc

Subject 1099

Job:

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02/09/2007 06:07 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: 1099 Incorrect

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"Job Serebrov"

02/09/2007 05:57 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>

cc

Subject 1099 Incorrect

Julie:

I just added my invoices and I get only around \$39,700 including the travel expense reimbursement. The 1099 needs to be corrected.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 02:50 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

02/09/2007 06:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: 1099

All is well Peg. How are you? I added up my invoices and it should be between \$39,700 and \$47,000 with the travel check included.

Regards,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

02/12/2007 12:13 PM

To DScott@eac.gov, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

02/12/2007 12:30 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc DScott@eac.gov

Subject Re: Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099 

Peggy:

I will look into this and get back to you.

Bola Olu

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Election Research Specialist

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:58 PM

To Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: documentation for evaluation 

Curtis:

I believe that the only items I have in hard copy, and not in electronic format, are my working copies of the contracts (official copies would be in the agency contract files), the monthly pay invoices and travel reimbursement requests submitted by the consultants, and some DOJ training documentation that was given to us on condition that we keep it confidential.

Other than emails, the documentation that is in electronic form is housed in EAC's shared drawer at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION. Do you have read access to that?

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Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV

Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:27 PM

To EAC Personnel  
cc  
Subject documentation for evaluation

All:

The Office of Inspector General has initiated an evaluation of the contracting process used by the EAC for the voter fraud and voter intimidation projects. In order for us to complete our evaluation, we need copies of all e-mails or other documents that you have regarding either project. Electronic documents can be sent to an e-mail account that we have set up- eacon@eac.gov. If you have any hard copy documents, please let me know.

If you do not have any documents or e-mails, please send me an e-mail to that effect.

Thank you,

Curtis Crider  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/01/2007 08:58 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 5

Fifth batch attached. More to come. --- Peggy Sims

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Please do ask him. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 4:14 PM

**To:** w [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: DOJ Training Materials

Devon's response is attached. Guess I'll add this to the list of questions going to Donsanto.

---Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/03/2006 05:12 PM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 04:21 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: DOJ Training Materials [Link](#)

Peggy,

The sections that you listed below are also empty in our copy. I have attached a copy of the complete table of contents with all of the section that are empty in our copy of the 2004 DOJ training binder.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:47 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject DOJ Training Materials

Devon:

One of our consultants noted that there are several sections appear to be missing from the 2004 DOJ training binder. She wasn't sure if it is because of what DOJ sent over to EAC or a problem in the photocopying. From what she can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. I think we must have provided the T of C because I don't see one in the binder. Can you please retrieve the binder and check this out for me?

Thanks! --- Peggy

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM —



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/05/2006 05:01 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Hi Peg,

I will call J.R. on Thursday to run it by him and let you know what he says. As for my availability on Wednesday, April 12, the answer is "yes". Morning is best for me, although I could be available in the afternoon. You choose a time and I will be here.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

From: [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2006 12:32 PM

Subject: Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter

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## Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

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04/06/2006 03:27 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group [REDACTED]

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday,  
April 12? --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

04/04/2006 09:49 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Project Working Group Meeting

No, except it means pushing everything back, ie the final report. I suppose we could, as we discussed, take a week or two off in May and tack it on to June. Theres no way we could write a final report in ten days, obviously. That would be fine with me.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 8:46 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Project Working Group Meeting

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in attending the meeting. Due to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at the week of May 15. Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy

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"Tova Wang"

04/12/2006 12:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov

cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

Subject RE: working group meeting

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That's fine, just asking

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 11:26 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; 'Nicole Mortellito'  
Subject: Re: working group meeting

It was my understanding that the meeting would be on the 15th or later.

Tova, Peggy is out of the office this week.

--- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> I cannot do it on May 5 now. Any update on a date?  
> I will be in DC for  
> other meetings May 4 - May 7 if that makes any  
> difference (EAC would not  
> have to pay my transportation if it was on, for  
> example, Monday May 8 or  
> possibly even the 9th) Thanks.

>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation

> [REDACTED]  
> P [REDACTED] 7534

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"Tova Wang"

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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As I have alerted Nicole, the call is not working. Someone ought to get in touch with Kevin -- I do not have his contact information.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

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Peg

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview [REDACTED]

the call is up and running!! you may dial in

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc

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"Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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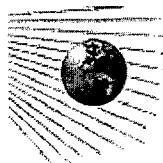
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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV

04/10/2006 10:05 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Re: Teleconference set up

You are set for the 12th at 11am 866-222-9044 pass code 62209

Regards,

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202.566.2209 phone  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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04/09/2006 11:15 PM

To "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

cc "Edgardo Cortes" <ecortes@eac.gov>

Subject Teleconference set up

Nicole:

Could you please help me set up a teleconference for Wednesday, April 12 at 11 AM EST (for 1 hour)?  
Please send me confirmation.

Peg

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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"Tova Wang"

04/03/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

I didn't have anything specific in mind yet, especially as I have not finished going through the voluminous documentation, but I will let you know

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 2:41 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Tova and Job:

Craig Donsanto responds that it is not possible for him to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. He does not foresee a problem; but recommends that I provide him with the draft text. He will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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"Kennedy, Kevin"

04/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT meeting.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM

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To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:

I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?  
Peggy Sims

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 05:11 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Thanks, Job! --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov"



"Job Serebrov"

04/03/2006 04:57 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Norcross's assistant is Maria Rivers:

Rokita's assistant is:

Amy Miller  
Executive Assistant  
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Please review the attached and let me know of any  
> corrections that should  
> be made. Thanks! --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"

04/03/2006 03:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
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> him to assess the  
> level of public attribution that would be  
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"Tova Wang"

04/04/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov", "Tova Wang"

Subject working group agenda

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Hi Peg,

Attached is a draft of an agenda for the working group. Let us know what you think. Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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"Job Serebroy"

04/04/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Project Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

Here is my situation. I am to go to work full time for the Governor at some time in June. I just don't know when and because we are having a special session right now, no one can give me any indications as to the date. The special session will last for at least two weeks. However, I had to arrange a job because the contract ends at the end of May. So---all of this said---if, for instance, I go to work for the Governor the first week of June, I will only be able to work on EAC matters after hours at night.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in  
> attending the meeting. Due  
> to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at  
> the week of May 15.  
> Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy  
>  
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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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"Tova Wang"

04/11/2006 10:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

Sorry, you mean its today. OK, thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

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To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/05/2006 01:24 PM

To Kevin Kennedy

cc

Subject Interview Request

Kevin:

Following up on yesterday's conversation, would you be available next Tuesday (4/11) to be interviewed by phone by our consultants on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project? The interview is likely to take less than an hour. You pick the time and I'll confirm it with our consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Then, I'll send you an email with the toll-free number and pass code that you will need for the teleconference.

EAC is conducting this preliminary research to determine how best to meet HAVA requirements. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

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- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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04/03/2006 04:33 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group Contact Info

Please review the attached and let me know of any corrections that should be made. Thanks! --- Peggy



Work Group Contact Info.xls

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04/03/2006 03:41 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks, Craig! --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
 <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
 >

04/03/2006 03:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

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As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"

04/10/2006 11:04 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]

Subject small question for Donsanto

Could you please also ask him what the training materials are referring to when they discuss "ballot box stuffing?" Does this mean elections workers add extra votes? Thanks so much. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

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04/03/2006 05:01 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]@eacglobal.net  
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info [REDACTED]

Craig is on the list because the Commission requested he serve as a technical advisory to the project. Although not a member of the project working group, I do need to check his availability for the meeting.

I tried to tell you on the phone that we still are trying to confirm the El Paso County, TX election official for the working group. (Several attempts have been made to contact the Election Director, but she has been out of town.) If we can't get her, we will try for her deputy (also Hispanic). Once I have a response that one of them is willing to serve, I'll update the contact info table and see if I can't get a bio for you two to review. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/03/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Why is Craig Donsanto on the list? And what happened about the local election official? Thanks. Tova

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Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

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04/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

That gives us no time between interviews though, right? We've never been able to really limit it to 30 minutes.

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
04/06/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Peggy:

The interviews are ok with me.

Tova:

I think I should write the review on the IFES white paper instead of the red book.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Job and Tova:  
>

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> Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris  
> County, TX and current  
> Executive Director of the International Association  
> of Clerks, Recorders,  
> Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself  
> available for an  
> interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on  
> CST. Is there a time  
> that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM  
> CST/11 AM EST? I saw  
> Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past  
> Tuesday. We are trying  
> to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).  
>  
> I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his  
> Prosecution of Election  
> Offenses. He responded that it is at the printers  
> and will not be  
> available for a couple of months. In the interim,  
> he referred me to the  
> white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached.  
> He said that the  
> white paper includes the same information on the  
> prosecution of election  
> fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy  
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>  
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04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Wang"

Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

I've just made it through the 2004 binder of materials and have two questions. First, I understand that these materials are confidential, but may we refer to guidance provided in them in our report? Otherwise they are of not much use to us. There's not that much in it that would add to what Donsanto and Tanner told us, but there are a few issues raised that I believe might be germane.

Second, there are several sections evidently missing from the 2004 binder and I'm not sure if that's because of what Donsanto sent over or a problem in the photocopying. From what I can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. Can you please look into this?

Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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04/05/2006 01:32 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group [REDACTED]

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting  
Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,

Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the working group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.

Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

#### Background

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

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1. nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
2. methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

#### Preliminary EAC Research

Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

1. develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----

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**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto:tony.sirvello@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

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**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

**Background**

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

1. nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
2. methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

**Preliminary EAC Research**

Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

1. develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 05:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

What is the information you need when you say:  
The consultants jointly selected experts from ???

We chose the interviewees by first coming up with a list of the categories of types of people we wanted to interview. Then we each filled those categories with a certain number of people, equally. The ultimate categories were academics, advocates, elections officials, lawyers and judges.

Is that what you need?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be

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having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow.  
Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow

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— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM —



"Job Serebrov"

05/15/2006 09:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: New Working Group Member

Excellent!

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Just thught you would like to see the Chairman's  
> reaction to the Ginsberg choice, attached.  
> Peggy

> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Paul DeGregorio  
> Sent: 05/14/2006 12:01 PM  
> To: CN=Margaret Sims/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV  
> Subject: Re: New Working Group Member

> Ben Ginsberg is one of the most respected election  
> law attorneys in the country. Great choice.

> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Margaret Sims  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 04:04 PM  
> To: pdegregorio@eac.gov  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Subject: New Working Group Member

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>  
> FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for  
> David Norcross, who was  
> unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter  
> Intimidation Working  
> Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov,  
> suggested Benjamin Ginsberg,  
> who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with  
> you on this beforehand  
> --- things happened so fast! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 06:24 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

Hello to all,

I would love to help, but I will not be in the office from today (Monday, May 15th) thru Wednesday, May 17th ----- I'll be back on Thursday morning. When is your meeting taking place? I had e-mailed Adam a draft of the table tents I did for the APIA working group; perhaps he still has it archived in his Lotus notes and could forward it to you. All you would have to do then is erase the APIA names and insert the ones for the new working group. In case he does not have the document I sent him and you need them prior to me returning to the office ---- in Microsoft Word, open a new document, go under Tools, then labels and envelopes, choose Labels and then Options -- then choose the correct Avery product number for your tent cards and click New document -- this will bring a blank template where you can begin to insert the names. I hope this helps. I can be reached by phone at (610) 780-8551 in case you need my help. Also, the tent card box usually brings an instruction sheet, it's not the most clear though.

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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-----Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV wrote: -----

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
From: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
Date: 05/15/2006 12:19PM  
cc: Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC  
Subject: working group

Peggy,

In preparation for the logistics of this week's working group, I need to know how many people to expect for the meeting. Also, if you still need me to make name tags, I will need a list of attendees and the avery label size.

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Also, I will need help from Laiza on the table tents, or we can see if she has the time to help with that.

Thanks!

Elle

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 04:55 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy



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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

05/18/2006 04:36 PM

To cdonsanto@usdoj.gov, [redacted],  
[redacted], [redacted],  
jrperez@usdoj.gov, mhearne@usdoj.gov,  
bginsberg@usdoj.gov, Rbauer@usdoj.gov,  
barnwine@usdoj.gov, serebrov@usdoj.gov,

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo  
Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Senate and House Conference Reports

All,

As discussed in the meeting today, please find attached the House and Senate Conference Reports associated with the passage of HAVA. In each document, the word "fraud" is capitalized, bolded, and highlighted.

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Kind Regards,

Tamar Nedzar  
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House Conference Report.doc



Senate Conference Report.doc

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"Tova Wang"

05/23/2006 09:23 AM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

OK, thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov) [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2006 7:46 AM

**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)

**Subject:** RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

05/22/2006 03:43 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Is there something separate I should fill out for the travel, or should I just submit a letter? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov) [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]

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**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 2:30 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: voucher

Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 03:58 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: voucher [REDACTED]

A letter detailing the costs, noting the total reimbursement expected, and attaching your travel receipts is fine. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

05/19/2006 04:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Monday Teleconference

Thats fine for me. Thanks so much for doing such a great job running the show yesterday. Did you think it went well?

Also, is there any reason why we cannot talk about our findings with people now? Please let me know. Thanks. Have a great weekend. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 19 May 2006 15:30:59 -0400

Subject: Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

Recommendations for Future Research

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fraud) of misrepresentation or deceit. There is no such thing as defacto fraud or quasi fraud. Fraud must be intentional.... negligence alone is not fraud.

The general definition of voter fraud must concise and universally applicable (this in the challenging part). After this definition is created and intellectually tested, one can then create examples and explanations. These would 1) apply the definition to the entire election process (from beginning to end) and (2) apply it to action by voters, 3rd parties and election officials. Through this process a determination may be made regarding whether three definitions are needed or just one.

2. The document has no definition of voter intimidation. What is voter intimidation and how does it differ from voter fraud? I assume this would also be an intentional act.

3. Definitions need to be concise and tight. Such definitions need to be able to be broken down into elements. Each of these elements must have clear, applicable and enforceable meaning. This can be a challenge. For example use of the term "any illegal act" is unclear, begs the question and suggests that fraud only occurs in the course of committing a related crime.

These are just my initial thoughts.

GG  
Gavin S. Gilmour  
Associate General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



combined defining Fraud 11-18-05.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: bibliographic form

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- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud
  - Who?
  - What part of process?
  - Ease of committing the fraud
  - Which elections?
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
- Academic statistical research
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
- Research State district court actions
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
- Explore the concept of election courts
- Model statutes

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM —



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy:

The package came today. Thanks. See you Thursday.

Barry

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:56 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please take a moment to review the draft definition of election fraud? One of our consultants is concerned that it does not sufficiently cover violations of the Voting Rights Act that would qualify. Thanks!

--- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht"



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy:

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Barry

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 11:27 AM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>

To psims@eac.gov

cc

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Subject Your Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

I'll be here for a while, I just wanted to make sure. If you send it to me anytime before 5 I can look at it in time. If not, I'll try my best to look at it en route tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow.  
Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM —



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/16/2006 12:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Corrections

I agree!

--- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> I still think its sufficient for him to raise the  
> points verbally. All of  
> the interview summaries reflect what Job and I both  
> understood the  
> interviewees to say. This really opens to the door  
> to people making, as Job  
> says, "corrections"

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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> Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:47 AM  
> To: [REDACTED]  
> Cc: [REDACTED]  
> Subject: RE: Corrections  
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>  
>  
> Might not be a bad idea before the final report is  
> prepared, but I would not  
> worry about it for Thursday's meeting. I'm only  
> concerned with the Donsanto  
> interview summary because he will be attending the  
> meeting. --- Peggy  
>  
>

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/15/2006 09:55 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Question

Ok

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.  
> You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
> need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
> personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
> on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
> you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am  
> at the office (this afternoon).  
> Peg

>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Subject: Question

> Peg:

>  
> Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do  
> you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my  
> car  
> use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to  
> retain food receipts.

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>  
> Job  
>  
>  
>

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov

Subject RE: I'm sorry

Great -- thanks so much and apologies for the false alarm.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:51 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** RE: I'm sorry

This article is on the CD, it is located in the "Nexis Article Charts" folder.

Devon Romig  
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202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject RE: I'm sorry

Thats good. I'm probably just getting crazy, trying to make sure everything is perfect. Devon, maybe you can check? Otherwise I'll check it when it comes. Thanks. And be well Peg.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:23 AM  
**To:** Tova Andrea Wang  
**Subject:** Re: I'm sorry

Tova:

I think you did send this --- or is this a revised version of one you sent earlier? It should be on the CD in the packet you should receive today.. (Can't check that right now as I am at the clinic.) If I put anything on the CD that you want to highlight at the meeting, let me know and we'll make copies for those attending.  
Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tova Wang" [mailto:twang@t...]  
**Sent:** 05/15/2006 09:07 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Cc:** Devon Romig  
**Subject:** I'm sorry

I don't think I sent this to you either. Can we hand it out at the meeting as an addendum? Its another summary that would have gone in the news article section. I'm usually so organized, I'm very embarrassed. Too many things! Thanks

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>

05/15/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in trasit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file

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is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: barnwine

Rbauer; [REDACTED] bginsberg

[REDACTED]; mhearne

[REDACTED]; jrperez

krogers

[REDACTED]; weinutr@verizon

CC: jgreenbaum

vjohnson

dlovecchio

bschuler; [REDACTED] Donsanto, Craig

<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

You should receive a packet of information today, either by Federal Express or hand delivery, concerning Thursday's meeting of the project Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. Attached is an analysis of the consultants' research into relevant literature and reports. This summary was not available when we prepared the information packets last Friday, but may be of interest to you. Our consultants and I look forward to having a productive discussion with you.

Regards,

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 08:43 AM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Here is the content of the email attachment:

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